Amendments to the Claims

Listing of Claims

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A composition of matter comprising a spray dried solid dispersion, which dispersion

consists ~~essentially~~ of a sparingly water-soluble drug and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate (HPMCAS), said drug being molecularly dispersed and amorphous in said dispersion[;] and having

~~has~~ a drug:polymer weight ratio between 1:0.4 and 1:20[;]. ~~and satisfies either of the following test:~~

~~(a) providing a maximum concentration of said drug in MFD (model fasted duodenal fluid) that is higher by a factor of at least 1.5 relative to a control composition [;] wherein MFD is water which is 82 mM in NaCl, 20 mM in Na_2HPO_4, 47 mM in KH_2PO_4, 14.7 mM in sodium taurocholate and 2.8 mM in 1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine to yield a solution pH of about 6.5 and osmotic pressure of about 290 mOsm/kg, or~~

~~(b) effecting, *in vivo*, a maximal observed blood drug concentration (C_{max}), that is higher by a factor of at least 1.25 relative to a control composition;~~

~~wherein the control composition is identical to the test composition except that it comprises pure drug in its equilibrium form and does not comprise HPMCAS, or the HPMCAS is replaced by an equal amount of inert, non-adsorbing solid diluent and the test composition and control composition are tested under like conditions.~~

2-3. (canceled)

4. (original) A composition as defined in claim 1, wherein said drug is amorphous when undispersed.

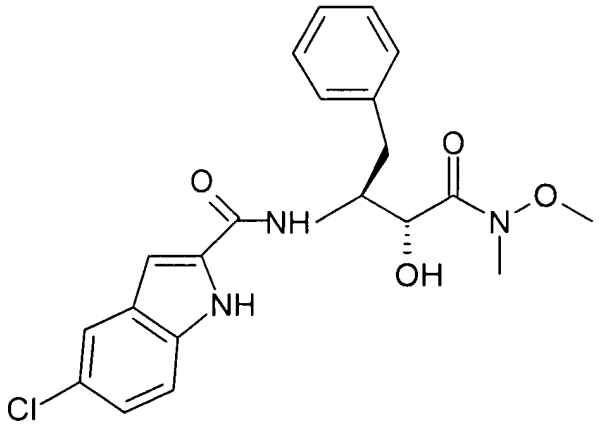
5-22. (canceled)

23. (original) A composition as defined in claim 1, wherein said dispersion is in the form of particles less than 100 μm in diameter.

24-27. (canceled)

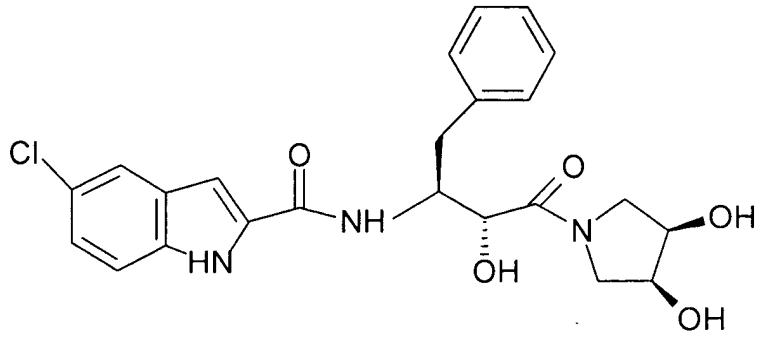
28. (withdrawn) A composition as defined in claims 1 and 15 wherein said drug is a glycogen phosphorylase inhibitor.

29. (withdrawn) A composition as defined in claims 1 and 15 wherein said drug is



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

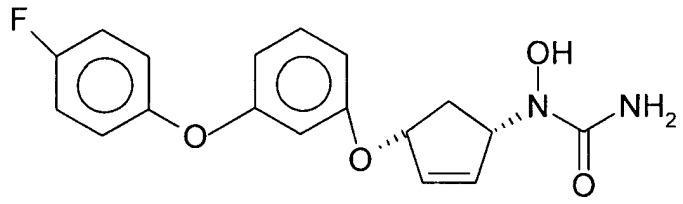
30. (withdrawn) A composition as defined in claims 1 and 15 wherein said drug is



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

31. (withdrawn) A composition as defined in claims 1 and 15 wherein said drug is a 5-lipoxygenase inhibitor.

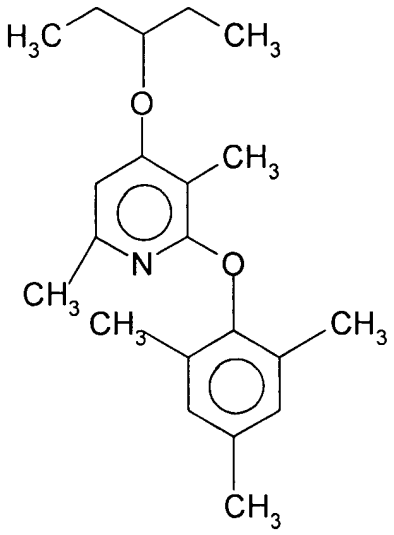
32. (withdrawn) A composition as defined in claims 1 and 15 wherein said drug is



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

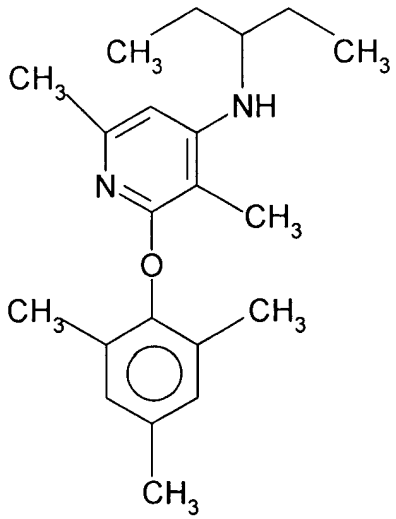
33. (withdrawn) A composition as defined in claims 1 and 15 wherein said drug is a corticotropic releasing hormone (CRH) inhibitor.

34. (withdrawn) A composition as defined in claims 1 and 15 wherein said drug is



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

35. (withdrawn) A composition as defined in claims 1 and 15 wherein said drug is



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

36. (currently amended) A composition as defined in ~~claims~~ claim 1 ~~and 15~~ wherein said drug is an antipsychotic.

37. (currently amended) A composition as defined in ~~claims~~ claim 1 ~~and 15~~ wherein said drug is ziprasidone.

38. (withdrawn) A composition as defined in claims 1 and 15 wherein said drug is selected from griseofulvin, nifedipine, and phenytoin.

39-48. (canceled)

49. (currently amended) A composition as defined in ~~claims~~ claim 1 ~~and 15~~ wherein said dispersion comprises spray dried particles that are solidified in less than 2 seconds.

50. (currently amended) A composition as defined in ~~claims~~ claim 1 ~~and 15~~ wherein said particles have a residual solvent content less than 2 wt%.

51. (currently amended) A composition as defined in ~~claims~~ claim 1 ~~and 15~~ wherein said particles are spray-dried from a solution in which the concentration of drug in the solvent is less than 20 g/100 g and in which the total solids content is less than 25 weight%.

52. (canceled)

53. (currently amended) A composition as defined in ~~claims~~ claim 1 ~~and 15~~ wherein said drug has a dose to aqueous solubility ratio greater than 100.

54. (currently amended) A composition as defined in ~~claims~~ claim 1 ~~and 15~~ wherein said drug is crystalline when undispersed.

55. (currently amended) A composition as defined in ~~claims~~ claim 1 ~~and 15~~ having a drug:polymer weight ratio between 1:0.5 and 1:20.

56. (currently amended) A composition as defined in ~~claims~~ claim 1 ~~and 15~~ having a drug:polymer weight ratio between 1:1 and 1:20.